

Abington Township
Environmental Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes July 13, 2016

Call to Order: 7:31 pm In attendance: Jennifer Sherwood, Cakky Evans, Michele Kaczalek, Andrea Soo, John Sorrentino, Karin McGarry-Rosen

Minutes: The report was accepted.

Chairperson's Report: The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was accepted. The Sustainability Account was then discussed as a possible source of matching dollars for a grant. Proposals included using funds for Student Projects or Scholarships, Paid Internship, Essay Contest.

Committee Reports:

Administration: The report was accepted. EAC members should send in their clearances required by the State Child protective Law to John Sorrentino in a sealed envelope.

Energy and Sustainability: The report was accepted with adjustments.

Land Planning: The report was accepted as modified. Sue Myerov recapped the TTF Watershed Municipal Task Force meeting she attended on July 13th. She proposed having Sue Harris do a presentation on the Tookany Implementation Plan at our August meeting.

Public Relations: The report was accepted with Jackson Park added.

Watersheds, Storm Water, Restoration: The report was accepted. A discussion was held as to whether to retain the screen shot of Conservation Voters of PA in the report. Public should be made aware of it. John made a motion to keep the image in the report. Sue recommended paraphrasing the data. The motion to retain was defeated. John &

Sue will compare the various Municipalities Policies.

Current Business: **Go Green Rewards Card** – Cakky Evans proposed having Penn State Students sign up businesses. A discussion was held on the type of poster/sticker for participating business to post in windows.

STAR – Cakky summarized her July E&S report. She reported that Abington had attained a final score equivalent to 84% of a 4 STAR community. The EAC was recognized by the EDC for attaining STAR recognition at its July 12th meeting. A discussion was then held as to when Cakky would do a presentation to air on line. EAC is to be recognized at a BOC meeting without a presentation. A plaque needs to be obtained. Cakky will contact Emily Costello to award the plaque to the EAC on October 5 at the Public Affairs meeting. She reported STAR now has a new rating system. 450 points will now be needed to get a 4 Star community rating. Comments can be posted on line. Motion was made and passed to have the EAC join as a member of the Climate & Urban Systems Partnership (CUSP). Cakky requested that a half hour of future EAC meetings be dedicated to developing a sustainability plan or prioritizing STAR assessment actions.

Montgomery Award – Set up will be at 6:30 in Conference Room. Assignments were reviewed and finalized.

Abington Pre-Night Out – Assignments were reviewed and finalized. Go Green Rewards Cards will be distributed with 1 point for stopping and 1 point for dropping off canned food.

Rain barrel Workshop – Fall Planning – Suggestion was made to have it at the McKinley Fire House. Jenn will check status. An Eagle Scout will lead a work group to build needed barrels on August 13. Other locations proposed included Collins Nursery in September, Florey Lane Training Center, and Meadowbrook Farm in October. A barrel will be donated to the Abington Library Discovery Garden. Iris's barrel will go to Township Building. EAC to advocate for having more barrels on display or utilized at public township buildings.

Energy Expo – Cakky will check with library as a venue for a workshop with “installing solar” as the topic.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm

Next Meeting – August 10, 2016